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Russia Wants 15 Years' Peace, CIA Expert Says

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WASHINGTON (UPI)

Robert Amory is probably the second or third best informed American on what Russians are doing, thinking and planning.

He is deputy chief for intelligence of the Central Intelligence Agency. CIA is the U. S. spy apparatus or, in more polite language, a counter-intelligence organization.

Amory spoke the other day in Columbia, S.C. His speech did not get the publicity it deserved despite the fact what he said was pretty good news for Americans.

15 Years.

His story is that Russia is neither ready nor preparing for war; that the Kremlin does not want a war, although Russia would fight if it must. He said the Russian leaders decided 15 months ago that their economy had to have 15 years of peace to achieve their internal development plans.

"They strike a balance between military and other expenditures just as we do," Amory said.

He believes Russia is not ready to risk nuclear war over Berlin. Nikita Khrushchev, instead, thinks he can force the West to "chicken out."

"If the West is resolute," Amory said, "I believe Russia will be the one to back down."

During the 15 years, the CIA expects the Kremlin to follow this pattern:

Play its Sputnik diplomacy to the limit.

Stand pat against all pressure in the areas now dominated by communism.

Insist either on 2-nation talks between Russia and the United States, or talks in which satellites sit beside Soviet conferees in numbers equal to the number of allies beside the Americans.

Trouble Role.

Maintain at high pitch the work of trouble-making among people of non-Communist nations.

But soften this fifth-column activity with some show of willingness to cooperate with governments over which the Kremlin exercises no control.

Continue an effective foreign policy of no-strings aid to nations which are neither Communist allies nor expected to become allies.

Amory evidently believes events of the next 15 years will largely shape the long-haul pattern of the future, war or peace or whatever.

"We face a race for leadership against militant Communists with fervent faith," he said. "We must never tempt them into a major military path while letting down our strength, although they haven't got what it takes rationally to challenge us this spring."

Amory said the Russian leaders had no doubts on the future. In a comparatively short time, they are confident Russia will be tops worldwide.

Lemay Tells U.S. Nuclear Preparedness

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Gen. Curtis E. Lemay said

Tuesday night another crisis would find the U.S. air force ready with a nuclear bomb-laden fleet of more than 1,000 jet bombers "aimed at the heart of the Communist empire from all directions."

The vice chief of the air force, deploring what he termed current emphasis on Russian successes, urged "prophets of doom to look deeply into this point before they write us off the books with one stroke of their very active pens."

Lemay said that during the Lebanon crisis last year the Strategic Air Command alone had "well over 1,000 modern jet bombers with crews and nuclear weapons available and ready for take-off."

In Better Condition.

Should a similar crisis develop in the days ahead, Lemay said, the Strategic Command will be in "an even more advantageous condition of readiness."

Lemay said the strategic bombers have the "unquestioned ability to reach and effectively destroy any target in the world." Further, the general said, jet fighters and missiles equipped with both high explosive and atomic weapons are poised on overseas bases "prepared to strike their targets on a moment's notice."

In a speech for a meeting of the "Committee of 100," a group of business and professional leaders, Lemay said recent concentration on the comparative number and

quality of Soviet and U.S. ballistic missiles has "obscured and diffused" the assets of U.S. military forces in a state of readiness.

Many Triggered Trap.

He cautioned against any "unwarranted loss of confidence in this insurance on our part," saying any such loss "could be disastrous" for the Free World.

Lemay pictured U.S. air striking power as a "trap with many triggers" that he said would be sprung if the Soviets attacked U.S. bases overseas or at home. "An attack against overseas bases will automatically draw down the massed might of our strategic forces," he said.

Conversely, Lemay continued, a direct attack on American bases would provide "the warning necessary to launch our reflex and other overseas alert forces

on their way to Soviet targets."

Lemay conceded recent Russian advances, particularly in the missile field, but he maintained that for some time to come the United States will be able to use its bases abroad and that for the foreseeable future the United States will continue to have manned aircraft in its forces.